

HE IS VICTIOUS AGAIN.

DOWNING, THE MURDERER, AS SAULTS A FELLOW-PRISONER.

BECOMES NECESSARY TO IRON HIM HAND AND FOOT—ITS SEAFOLD COMPANION QUIET AND RESIGNED—AN ASSIGNMENT IN NORFOLK.

NORFOLK, VA., December 28.—(Special)—The refusal of the Governor to interfere in the case of William Downing, who will be hanged here on the 1st of January for the murder of a negro woman last April, has thrown him back into his former vicious state. He had before been giving the officials trouble, but while efforts were making to secure Executive clemency in his case he was on his good behavior, and the shackles which City-Sergeant Lawler purchased to place on him were not used. Yesterday morning he was informed by his spiritual adviser, Rev. Father Riley, that he must die. He did not express regret, but became silent and morose. Later in the day, under promise of good behavior, he was allowed the freedom of the corridor to see the city physician, he claiming to be sick.

ASSAULTED A SAILOR.

While the physician was talking to John McNamara, a sailor, Downing became enraged at the length of time he had to wait, and assaulted the sailor, knocking him down and kicking him in the ribs and on the head. City-Sergeant Lawler, Police-Detective Riddick, and Police-Officers West and Wood secured Downing and ironed him, hand and feet, he offering no resistance. He now occupies a cell in that condition.

Williams, the other negro who will die with Downing, and who murdered George Bass, is quiet and resigned. His counsel has hopes of obtaining commutation.

AN ASSIGNMENT.

S. T. Hodges, proprietor of the Excelsior Shoe Store, this city, assigned to-day. His liabilities are about \$4000; assets not given, but stated to be sufficient to discharge all indebtedness.

SCOTTSVILLE.**A Good Ice Harvest—Personnel and General Notes.**

SCOTTSVILLE, VA., December 28.—(Special)—The weather has been splendid for a week—cold and bracing—and the ice-gatherers are harvesting a magnificent crop of ice, five inches thick. Every available wagon in and about the neighborhood has been called in to help fill the ice-houses, and the music of the cheerful rattle and the popping of the drivers' whips tell of ice-water and cold milk and butter for next summer, to say nothing of the cold beer and juleps for the folks who are fond of them.

Dr. D. O. Clements, who is attending the Baltimore Medical School, is here on a visit to his family.

Mr. Fred H. Parrish, of Charlottesville, paid his home folks a visit here Saturday, and returned yesterday.

Mr. Ben. Jones, of Winchester, W. Va., is here on a two-weeks' visit to his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gilbert Bell, the newly-wedded couple, who have been living at Cumberland, Md., are here spending the holidays, and are staying at the Powers House.

Mr. N. K. Ellison, of near Staunton, a retired civil engineer, who formerly had considerable business in this place, is here on a visit, and leaves for his home in the Valley, to-morrow.

General J. C. Hill, our Railroad Commissioner, who has recently been engaged in arranging the difficulties between the Southern Railway Company and the Baltimore and Ohio, arrived, in regard to the main track between Strasburg and Harrisonburg, is now at home.

Mr. Thomas A. Moon, a nephew of Senator Martin, and the eldest son of Mr. J. L. Moon, of this place, has recently gone to Washington, D. C., where he secured a position under the government.

Dr. Charles Chason, of Danville, Ga., and Miss Eleanor D. Adams, of Fluvanna, were married last week at the home of the bride, and left immediately for their southern home.

Our young folks, ladies, and gentlemen, had a delightful time skating this week.

Mr. G. Mason Dillard, attorney at law in Norfolk, visited his old home here last week.

OLD TOWN AND VICINITY.**Boring to Test a Coal Deposit—Deaths—A Gold Find.**

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 28.—(Special)—A diamond drill has been put to work on the coal vein on the land of Powhatan Monroe, in Stafford, and the deposit will be thoroughly tested.

Mrs. Gabriella Johnston died at her residence here on December 25th, after a protracted illness. She was the widow of F. W. Johnston, for many years one of the largest merchants of this city. She was well known and very popular, and her kindly nature greatly endeared her to all who came in contact with her. She was buried in the City Cemetery yesterday.

Mrs. Eva Brandt, another of our town's good women, died this morning. She leaves two small children and a large number of friends.

At Trinity Episcopal church last evening quite a large number of people listened to the last sermon that will be preached here by the Rev. J. C. Gray before he leaves for his Maryland charge. The ice-burnet began here to-day, and a splendid article, from three to five inches thick, is being housed.

A rich deposit of splendid gold quartz has been found near Musselman's, in Stafford county, some fourteen miles from this place. The ore seems to be abundant.

Rev. R. M. Hedge preached a special sermon to the Masonic fraternity of this city Sunday at the Presbyterian church. There was a large attendance of the members of that order and of other citizens.

THEY ARE INDIGNANT.**Temperance People and the Norfolk Almshouse.**

NORFOLK, VA., December 28.—(Special)—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of this city, is indignant over the reported serving of wine and eggnog to the inmates of the almshouse Christmas morning. A committee of the ladies to-day called on Mr. Womble, chairman of the Almshouse Committee of the Council for information regarding the matter, but he stated that he had not the facts in the case, and that instructions had been given against such proceedings.

At the meeting of the Methodist Ministers' Conference to-day the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That we have seen with regret the published accounts of the use of eggnog and wine at the almshouse on Christmas Day; that the practice of serving such drink to the inmates has been the direct or indirect cause of sending most of those in the almshouse to that place; that we enter our earnest protest against this practice."

As the almshouse is located four miles out of town, Captain Mordecai, the superintendent, has not made any statement, and is probably still in ignorance of the trouble he has or has not caused the temperance people.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

take laxative Broso Quinine Tablets

Druggists refund money if fails to cure

CASE FOR ROCKBRIDGE RELICS.

Lexington Ladies Present One to the Virginia Room.

Mrs. Clara D. Estell, of Lexington, Va., has written Mrs. J. Taylor Elyson, Virginia Vice-Regent of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society, informing her that at the last meeting of the Mary Custis Lee Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy the chapter donated \$5 for the purpose of purchasing a case for the preservation of Confederate relics from Rockbridge county. Mrs. Mildred Lee, who is the regent of the Virginia Room, and a member of the chapter, generously offered \$25, which made it possible for them to order the case at once. It will be handsomely made of ebony, and plate-glass, with maroon velvet lining. Immediately above it will be hung the flag of the Rockbridge Rifles, framed in the same style as the case. A bronze plate will mark the case.

Miss Rose Pendleton is the representative of the Confederate Camp of Lexington for collecting relics for the Virginia Room. She has been successful in securing many valuable and historical articles, which were placed in the museum before the reunion, last June.

Gifts from His Pupils.

Mr. Elihu Morrisette was presented by his class of young ladies in Leigh-Street Baptist Sunday school with a beautiful gold pen as a Christmas token of esteem and appreciation of his services as their instructor in things spiritual.

Mr. Morrisette was also very generous, and remembered at Christmas by the teachers and pupils of Bellevue School, of which he is principal. The teachers presented him with a handsome set of table linens, and he received a number of individual and collective gifts from the children.

Presented with a Watch.

One of the most pleasing incidents in connection with the Christmas celebrations at Leigh-Street Baptist Sunday school was unintentionally omitted in the report in our Sunday's issue.

Miss Birdie Jones, who presented by her teacher, Miss Alice Ullman, with a watch and chain for attendance, perfect lessons, and deportment during the year now closing.

THE TIME WHEN witches were expected to charm any disease is gone by. In this age of unscientific means will cure the ailments of their sex. Only an educated, experienced physician is competent to prescribe remedies for diseases of the delicate and intricate female organism.

One of the most skillful specialists in the world in treating women's diseases is Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute of Buffalo, N. Y. His "Favorite Prescription" is acknowledged as the most perfect and thoroughly scientific ever devised for all feminine disorders and weakness.

It reaches the inner source of trouble and cures naturally and completely; strengthening both the special organism and the general constitution. It is the only medicine of its kind devised by a regularly graduated skilled specialist in diseases of women. Any woman may consult Doctor Pierce either personally or by letter, and will receive sound professional advice, free of charge.

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